

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--When used, the suspension is re-suspended in a buffer solution containing potassium chloride and sodium chloride such as a [[HEPES]] N-[2-hydroxyethyl] piperazine-N'-[2-ethanesulfonic acid] (HEPES) buffer solution or Tris buffer solution, for example, incubated, and processed to convert the membranes into permeabilized cell membranes. A buffer solution containing 50-200 mM potassium chloride and 5-30 mM sodium chloride is preferable as the buffer solution containing potassium chloride and sodium chloride used in the present invention. Specific examples are a 10-50 mM HEPES (pH 6.5-7.5) buffer solution or a 10-50 mM Tris (pH 6.5-7.5) buffer solution. The mixture is incubated at 4-40° for 10-60 minutes.--